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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7175

BILL NUMBER: HB 1389

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Defamation actions involving use of the Internet.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heuer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that each person who is responsible, in whole or in part, for the creation or development of information that is: (1) posted, published, or otherwise disseminated using an interactive computer service; and (2) subject to an action for libel or slander; may be joined as a defendant in the action and is jointly and severally liable for any damages awarded to the plaintiff who brought the action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional defendants are joined in a civil action, an additional court fee of \$10 is collected. The proceeds of the fee are deposited in the county general fund if the case is filed in a court of record, or in the city or town general fund if the case is filed in a city or town court.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, and towns.

Information Sources:

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